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IRAN'S LIKELY REACTION TO IRAQI USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

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-- Iraq has used mustard agent only recently and it has been generally less effective than the Iraqis had hoped. Iraq also has used CS (tear gas).

-- Baghdad initially used mustard agent during fighting in Iraqi Kurdistan in July 1983. [REDACTED]

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-- Mustard agent was used again in October during fighting around Panjwin. [REDACTED]

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-- We believe a major, successful Iraqi chemical warfare attack on Tehran's troops would cause the Iranians to search for their own source of chemical weapons. We also would expect Iran to adjust its tactics to account for Iraq's more effective use of mustard agent.

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